

## TRANS-ISTHMIAN JOINT HIGHWAY BOARD

*Exchanges of notes at Panama October 19 and 23 and December 20, 1939, and January 4, 1940, supplementing convention of March 2, 1936*

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*The American Ambassador to the Secretary of Foreign Relations  
and Communications*

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

*Panamá, October 19, 1939*

No. 80

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to Article III of the Convention between Panamá and the United States regarding the construction of a Trans-Isthmian Highway,<sup>1</sup> which as Your Excellency will recall provides that:

“Prior to the undertaking of further construction on the Trans-Isthmian Highway, each Government will appoint an equal number of representatives, who will constitute a joint board with authority to adjust questions of detail regarding the location, design and construction of the portions of the Highway falling under the jurisdiction of each Government. Questions of detail on which the board may fail to reach an agreement will be referred to the two Governments for settlement.”

My Government has given consideration to the constitution of the Joint Highway Board contemplated in the foregoing Article of the Convention and it believes that the Board might well consist of only two members, one to be appointed by the Government of the Republic of Panamá and one to be appointed by the President of the United States. My Government has directed me to submit its views in the matter to Your Excellency with the request that the Panamanian Government be good enough to indicate whether it approves the constitution of the Joint Highway Board in the manner suggested.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

WILLIAM DAWSON

His Excellency

Señor Doctor Don NARCISO GARAY,  
*Secretary of Foreign Relations  
and Communications.*

<sup>1</sup> Convention signed at Washington Mar. 2, 1936 (TS 946, *ante*, p. 778).

*The Secretary of Foreign Relations and Communications to the American Ambassador*

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SECRETARIAT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS  
AND COMMUNICATIONS  
Diplomatic Department

D.D. 2491

PANAMÁ, *October 23, 1939*

MR. AMBASSADOR:

Referring to Your Excellency's courteous note No. 80 of the 19th instant, I have the honor to state that my Government is pleased to accede to the request made by the Government of the United States of America through your Embassy, to the end that the Joint Board contemplated in article III of the convention concerning a Trans-Isthmian Highway signed in Washington on March 2, 1936, consist of only two members, one to be appointed by this Government and the other to be appointed by the President of the United States.

As soon as Your Excellency lets me know the name of the commissioner of the United States on the Joint Board of the Trans-Isthmian Highway, I shall be pleased to communicate the name of the commissioner of Panamá.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed expression of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

NARCISO GARAY  
*Secretary of Foreign Relations  
and Communications*

His Excellency WILLIAM DAWSON,  
*Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary  
of the United States of America,  
Panama.*

*The American Ambassador to the Secretary of Foreign Relations  
and Communications*

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 129

*Panamá, December 20, 1939*

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to my note No. 80 of October 19, 1939, and to Your Excellency's esteemed note No. 2491 of October 23, both concerning the constitution of the Joint Highway Board contemplated in Article III of the Convention between Panamá and the United States regarding the construction of a Trans-Isthmian Highway.

In note No. 2491, Your Excellency informed me that the Government of Panamá acceded with pleasure to the proposal of my Government to the effect that the Joint Board be composed of only two members. Your Excellency stated also that, as soon as I should furnish the name of the American

representative on the Board, you would be glad to advise me as to the Panamanian representative.

I now take pleasure in stating that on December 2, 1939, the President of the United States signed the Commission appointing Colonel Glen E. Edgerton, U.S.A., Engineer of Maintenance of the Panama Canal, as the American representative on the Joint Highway Board.

I shall be grateful if Your Excellency will be good enough to inform me in due course regarding the Panamanian representative.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

WILLIAM DAWSON

His Excellency

Señor Doctor DON NARCISO GARAY,  
*Secretary of Foreign Relations  
and Communications.*

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*The Secretary of Foreign Relations and Communications to the American  
Ambassador*

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SECRETARIAT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS  
AND COMMUNICATIONS  
Diplomatic Department

D.D. No. 28

PANAMÁ, January 4, 1940

MR. AMBASSADOR:

Referring to Your Excellency's courteous communication No. 129 of December 20, last, in which you inform the Foreign Office that the President of the United States of America, under date of the 2d of the same month, appointed Colonel Glen E. Edgerton as his representative on the Joint Board provided for in article III of the convention concerning a Trans-Isthmian Highway signed at Washington on March 2, 1936, it is a pleasure to bring to Your Excellency's attention that His Excellency the First Designate, in charge of the Executive Power, by Executive Decree No. 195 of December 30, last, appointed Engineer Leopoldo Arosemena as his representative on the said Joint Board.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed expression of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

NARCISO GARAY  
*Secretary of Foreign Relations  
and Communications*

His Excellency WILLIAM DAWSON,  
*Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary  
of the United States of America,  
Panama.*